



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Home Isolation for Individuals with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

You have been diagnosed as having COVID-19. Please discuss with your physician or provider what steps must be taken next to support your health and wellbeing.

It is important that you protect yourself and others from infection, especially those persons at high risk. Based upon the risk to others the Mississippi State Department of Health recommends the following:

- ❖ **Immediately self-isolate** at home until it has been 14 days from the day your symptoms started, and you are fever free for at least 24 hours. If you had no symptoms you should isolate for 14 days from the date you were tested.
- ❖ **Do not go to work or leave your home until your isolation period ends.**
- ❖ Please let your employer know you have tested positive for COVID-19 and will not be able to return to work until your isolation period ends.
- ❖ If your employer approves and says you are critical, you may return to work **ONLY** if it has been 10 days from the day your symptoms started (or from the day you were tested if you had no symptoms) and you have been fever free for at least 24 hours, and you have no other symptoms.
- ❖ Stay away from all persons at your home. Do not leave your house, or come in contact with anyone, including the people you live with.
- ❖ If you do have household contacts, you must limit exposure to them. Stay in a specific room away from others in your home. You should use a separate bathroom if available. If you need to be around others in your home, you should wear a facemask. This is very important to minimize the risk of spreading the disease and to your family and friends. Instructions for limiting exposure to your household contacts can be found on the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html>.
- ❖ Please provide the people in your house with the instruction letter for contacts to a case of COVID-19.
- ❖ Please expect a call from public health professionals who will provide additional guidance and collect critical information for fighting this pandemic.

Thank you for your cooperation